

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By JOSEPH HAYTON.

"Fearsome Discoveries."

Enterprising naturalists exploring the Speedwell Cavern in the High Peak of Derbyshire have found some things in the bottomless darkness. The dark pool might have yielded very strange and weird water, or dark things. But no dragon matching Chinese or Japanese myths responded to the searchlight and the net; only "strange" water and "strange" things. The searchers, swinging at the end of the rope, failed to reveal the roof of the cavern, and "The Westminster Gazette," in the brief but interesting account of the exploration, misleads us by taking the name of the High Peak Cavern in vain, for that is the veritable Devil's Hole of Northern Derbyshire. It might, however, be better called "God's Temple." I have been asked by correspondents, writing from America and the Colonies, whether I invented "God's Temple" in "The Banishment of Joseph Blythe." Even among some novel-readers at home I am credited with drawing upon my imagination for the most fascinating, the most novel, the most remarkable home of an ancient industry the world has probably ever seen. It occupies the magnificent entrance to that most famous cavern which is adjacent to the Speedwell building, a "little Bethel" compared with York Cathedral.

The World's Most Picturesque Industry.

They are a company of rope-makers. For 200 years they and their ancestors have been tenants of the Dukes of Devonshire. They pay no rent, nor ever did. Yet they possess the most wonderful house of labour in the universe. It is the entrance to what is known to topography as "the Devil's Hole"; but, if ever building gave special evidence of the Divine hand, it is to be seen in this great cavern of the High Peak of Derbyshire. It has a dome and a nave that dwarf St. Peter's and St. Paul's. The ropes, drums and wheels and flying yarn make a music of their own. It is as if the men and women gave tunes to the cordage which they spin. The strings of the industrial harp are many and varied. A woman's voice will now rotate and a chorus break the monotony of the daily toil. Once upon a time I heard a child of jubilate there in which the younger voices sung out the refrain from open throats, "Happy Land, Happy Land! What'er my fate in life may be, still again my heart shall cling to thee!"

The Songs of Other Days.

When I was a lad in Derbyshire, and, later, mooning about the banks of the Wear at Durham (where Beverley, the scene painter, presided, and gave to Drury Lane pantomime and lovely reminiscences of the noble river scenery, "Happy Land" and "Hail, Smiling Morn" were favourite songs given in unison, or in harmonious chorus, by factory hands and miners. They can sing well in the North, and some of them take special pride in their little music meetings. I have still in my ears the memory of "There is a happy land, far, far away," sung by women to the accompaniment of the humming machinery of a Derbyshire lace factory. It has in it the sentiment of human labour, the working which is infinitely more touching than the set performance of a theatre. "The Old Hundred," "The Evening Hymn," and that "Happy Land, Happy Land" (which is far more jubilant than the hymn), of the cavernous rope-making sung by parties of everyday toilers, going home after holiday or festival along the banks of the Wear, or holding a village music meeting in Derbyshire. Contrasted with those past days in the North a brief excursion in the South, last week, disclosed to me the fact that the popular songs of the rural labourer and the workmen of the towns are poor snatches from poor music-hall ditties; for every town has its "theatre," a "mauer-hall," and in the days I am speaking of even the city of Durham did not boast a theatre. It had had one once upon a time, where, I believe, Stephen Kemble had played "Falstaff," while a showy manager had eloped with the daughter of a great ecclesiastical dignitary.

When First You Saw "Hamlet."

In those days nearly all provincial theatres were up yards or in unsavoury back streets; but there was good acting to be seen, and Shakespeare was the farthest hard. In barn or theatre, up yard, or in a neglected thoroughfare, who can ever forget his first night with Hamlet, Prince of Denmark? It needed no trick scenery, no lurid effects of lights and shadows to make the ghost convincing. The solemn figure that Hamlet was, the too heavy-lidded, the scene haunted by the green-baited, and does to this day, however many Hamlets you may have seen since or are likely to see. As you think of it even now you smell the seaweed and the orange-peel of the pit, and hear the gallery cries of "ginger-beer" and "cider," and recall the inharmonious scraping of the fiddles in the narrow orchestra. But, oh, what a strangely happy thing it was! You never thought of the actors except as they were upon the stage. You had no painted cloth to dwell upon between the acts. There was a mystery about the green-baited that is utterly lacking in the act-drops of today. And when at the close of the play the manager appeared to bow his thanks for the generous applause of a delighted audience, he came through the little door on the prompt side, picked up the hat, and so it all was, how very real it all seemed!

Romance and Reality.

But as to that Speedwell Mine in the Peak, the famous neighbour of the more wonderful cavern; I remember that I desired to call my novel of "The Banishment of Joseph Blythe" by a more poetic name, to wit, "The Gate of the Winds." I wonder if the commercial anger that crawls into your romantic consideration another title would really receive any attention, but it does, you know.

Don't you remember poor Grand Allen, who all his life long had been prevented by his publisher from writing the novel he wanted to write, and which at last, when he had made enough money to enable him to stand with his back against the wall, and defy the commercial danger, he wrote a curious story that it had been better perhaps if he had foregone. What a versatile and delightful writer he was! But a man is not always the best judge of his own work. There is a good deal of talk and criticism just now concerning the background of novels. Henry has a sympathetic influence upon character, and sometimes gives the normal ground to incidents. If your background be true, so will be your story—given the capacity to tell it. I dare to speak about "The Banishment of Joseph Blythe" because strange current accounts of the Speedwell cavern just now bring it within the sphere of practical romance, and the very entrance to the Speedwell Mine is "The Gate of the Winds," giving upon a gorge in which a real murder was done many a year ago, and in which an act of vengeance is committed in the novel.

"The Gate of the Winds."

The pass begins with "Windy Knoll" and ends with a tumbledown old inn that may be as good a house of call as you could find, but looks like a bandit's lair or a commercial novel, so lonely and so unkempt it is, or was when last I saw it. The people of the Peak still call the vellow cavern which is adjacent to the Speedwell building a "little Bethel" compared with York Cathedral.

"Where There's a Will There's a Way."

When William Cobbett was a soldier there was very little sympathy between officers and men. There is sometimes hardly enough to-day. The pay was wretched, and many necessities had to be provided out of it. As a rule the men were not decently fed. In our own time the robust countryman finds the ration not all that he should have. I have heard of Guardsmen who regard the morning meal as anything but sustaining. Bread and butter and coffee is not a breakfast to be heroic on for four or five hours. In Cobbett's time men frequently deserted from sheer hunger. He mentions two strapping Norfolk fellows from the plough and the want of food, who died during the year. "I have seen them in their berths," he says, "many a time actually crying on account of hunger." Yet Cobbett screwed pence out of his pay to buy materials for study. The edge of his berth or guard-bed, with a board on his lap, was his chair and his table. He had to read and write amidst singing, whistling, and bawling. The farthing that he paid for ink or paper was quite an important sum to him. He often pulled off his clothes at night "so hungry as hardly able to endure life." But he made his way, promotion came with better pay and finally he not only educated himself (his English Grammar is still one of the easiest and best), but found pleasure and profit in the Army.

Tommy and Self-Improvement.

I often think of Cobbett when I see the private of our day leading in public house, occasionally staggering back to barracks, spending his pence in beer and tobacco, and wasting his few hours of liberty without a single effort at betterment. His opportunities of self-improvement are 100 per cent. more numerous and varied than they were when Cobbett was a private. To emulate that splendid example of the world not cost a man a tithe of the money and anxiety and suffering that he endured. It is not necessary to be absolutely teetotal; a man may have his pipe and glass, and take reasonable recreation; but the first duty of a private who respects himself, and has even a moderate ambition, is to avail himself of every possible advantage to learn his job thoroughly, and prepare himself for promotion. Although Mr. Brodric at present does not offer all the advantages of pay and prospects of distinction, there will come in time; a soldier's life to-day is a more comfortable, more respected, and happier lot than ever it was. The soldier is not far distant when every man of intelligence and good conduct may fairly hope to work his way to a commission. Whatever your politics may be, a study of the life of William Cobbett will do you good.

"With the Merry, Merry Fife and Drum."

They say it is necessary that we should become a first-class military Power. In our fighting we have always been that; but in comparison with our neighbours we are but amateur soldiers. So men say who ought to know. The policy of the nation has been against military glory. I remember even in my time when the police drilled in a festive way. We did not like the idea of having a civil force trained to military manoeuvres. A second Cromwell might start up and take liberties with the nation. The civil force has always been a little fearful of the Army. The Volunteer movement helped to modify this characteristic prejudice. We have not yet, however, come to rely on the idea of parade and shows of armed men. It is wonderful, considering how little official encouragement the recruiting sergeant has had, that he should gather into his net so many and such promising clients. In the old days he went into the market towns with his drum and fife, his streaming ribbons, and his tales of glory, and plucked the colours to billy-goats, and carried his rattle and rattle, and had great time. The he is almost apologetic in flinging out his lure. You see him strolling down

the region of Trafalgar-square hardly venturing to flourish his little cane, or play with his mustache, but he should come too demonstrative. Nor do the authorities ever think of sending a squadron marching through the streets, heads playing, and firing for the mere sake of letting the youth of the town see the gallant show a soldier make on duty. It is as if we kept it all dark. Even the black men from the war zone put off their clothes, and drop "the swag" of battle" with which they first greet the city. Officers go into troops, fresh coats, and almost all the troops are led from the ship that has brought them "safe back again to the girls they left behind them."

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HAMMERSMITH.

309, WARE-STREET, HACKNEY.

72, RYE-LANE, PECKHAM.

272, PENTONVILLE-ROAD, N.

17, THE QUADRANT,
RICHMOND.

206, NORTH END-ROAD,
FULHAM, S.W.

72, HIGH-STREET, LEWISHAM.

9, KINGSLAND HIGH-STREET.

99, MARKET-STREET,
MANCHESTER.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTING.

PEDESTRIANISM.
OLD BOW GROUNDS.
The final heat of the 25 lbs. 100 yards heat of these grounds resulted as follows:
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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,530 births and 1,264 deaths were registered last week. The births were two above and the deaths 266 below the average.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes for the last week to 15.7. The 1,300 deaths included 44 from measles, 18 from scarlet fever, 22 from diphtheria, and 35 from whooping-cough.

Different forms of violence caused 65 deaths. Of these also were suicides and five homicides, while the remaining 51 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,729 births and 1,824 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 23.5 and 12.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 25 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.7 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,641,187 persons in the middle of this year.

A horse ate also time in weight in food in a year; a sheep six times.

Holland is the only European country that admits coffee duty free.

There are 11,700 hotels in Paris, in which there are on an average 240,000 guests.

The skin of an adult man spread out on a smooth surface would cover 15 square feet.

The Army death-rate is lower in Great Britain than in any country. In France it is nearly six times as high.

The Cur of Russia owns the largest landed estate in the world. It is about 580 million acres.

On 173 miles of its line the St. Gothard has 324 large bridges and 1,000 artificial structures. The line cost £20,000,000.

A clock that will run for two years with one winding has been invented by a jeweller in the United States. It is operated by weights.

While repairing a temple the Chinese covered up the eyes of the idols, in case that the deity may not be offended at the sight of the disorder.

The combined imports and exports of the United Kingdom were valued at £210,000,000 last year, those of Germany £78 million, of Italy 105 million.

The Marie Richmond, one of the largest of British sailing ships, has over four miles of steel wire in her rigging, and six miles of running cordage.

London's fire brigade puts out a fire at an average cost of £46. New York pays £125 for the same service, and Cincinnati, America, holds the record with £255 per fire.

The highest growth of the population of Great Britain was between 1871 and 1881. It amounted to 16.8 per cent., against 8.3 per cent. in the next 10 years.

When a vessel is on her trial trip she runs four times over a measured mile, twice with and twice against the tide. Her average speed is thus arrived at.

It is estimated that 1,350,700 people would qualify for old age pensions in the United Kingdom if the Old Age Pension Bill became law, and that the cost would be £10,300,000 a year.

About 10 million cattle are now to be found in the Argentine Republic. They are said to be all descendants of eight oxen and a bull which were brought to Brazil in the 16th century.

South Wales raises more coal than any other part of Great Britain, nearly 20 million tons a year. Twenty-seven millions come from Midland collieries, and 26 millions from York and Lancashire.

The United States, with a 67 million quarters, stands first as a wheat-growing country. Russia comes next, with 25 millions; France third, with 37 millions; India fourth, with 30 millions.

No man has ever reigned over an empire so vast as King Edward's. His Majesty rules over at least one continent, 100 peninsulas, 360 promontories, 1,800 lakes, 2,000 rivers, and 10,000 islands.

Northern forebears are neither so large nor so numerous as those seen in the southern waters, but they are usually loftier and more beautiful, with grayer and comelier, and when the sea shines on them, they look like a fairy city.

The butterfly invariably goes to sleep head downwards. It folds and encloses its wings in the utmost. It thus resembles a narrow ridge, hardly distinguishable in shape and colour from the seed heads and leaves on the thousands of stems surrounding it.

All the flags for British ships of war, except the Royal Standards, are made in the Government dockyards, and the number of yards required may be judged from the fact that in the colour left at Chatham alone about 15,000 flags are made in a year.

Until the time of Charles XII. of Sweden the artillery was not considered a part of the Swedish army; men serving in it were not soldiers, but were regarded as mechanics; the officers had no army rank. Charles XII. gave artillery officers a rank, and regularly organized the artillery into companies.

A rose diamond is one which is not sufficiently deep to admit of regular cutting, and which, to save as much as possible of the stone, has been cut flat underneath, instead of to a point, as in the case of a brilliant. This variety of diamond is only about one-quarter the value of a brilliant of similar size and weight.

March is the most eventful month for Royalty. The king was married on March 19, 1863. Princess Louise on March 21, 1871, and her birthday falls on March 18. The Duke of Cambridge was born March 28, 1819. On March 28, 1894, the Duke of Albany died, and in March, 1861, Queen Victoria's mother died.

The famous Blue Grotto of Capri has a rival in the State of Minnesota, U.S.A. It occurs in a lake on the shore of which there are caverns of white limestone flooded with water.

A swimmer entering the cave and turning to look outwards sees the most beautiful shades of green and blue in the water, and a silvery sheen over his submerged limbs.

It is said that the Bank of France has an invisible studio in a gallery behind the cashier, so that at a given signal from one of them any suspected customer can instantly have his photograph taken without his knowledge. The camera has also become very useful in the detection of forgers, a word or figure that to the eye seemed completely correct being clearly reproduced in photographs of the document that had been tampered with.

PEOPLE'S HEROES—CLIVE

Europe has 21,000 births and 10,000 deaths daily. England has 12,000 police; Scotland, 8,000; Ireland, 12,000.

Canada had only 1,700 schools in 1850. She has now over 10,000.

One thousand one hundred miles of British tramways give a clear profit of £2,000,000 a year.

London has about 700 periodicals; Scotland and Ireland 400 between them.

Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras have a combined population of just over 2,000,000.

There are 41 million farms in the United States, most of them between 50 and 500 acres.

Belgium grows 12 million quarters of wheat a year—3 million more than the United Kingdom.

In 1840 British sailing ships employed 144,165 men. Last year the number had fallen to 57,000.

Fifty thousand letters passed through the English Post Office daily in 1901. The number is now 8,500,000.

In 1810 France had 202,000 more births yearly than deaths. This number has now fallen to about 80,000.

Nine hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred and forty-five men are at present available for the defence of the British Empire.

Four million seven hundred thousand tons of Spanish iron ore are imported into Great Britain in the course of a year.

No British ship may carry a deck-load of timber into a British port between the last day of October and April 15.

In the Crimean War there were 144,000 admissions into hospitals, 44,000 more than the total strength of our forces.

Of people with an average fortune of £25,000 or over there are 160,000 in this country, about 700 of whom are millionaires.

Building the new street from the Strand to Holborn will cost 45 millions, of which only £250,000 will come from the ratepayers.

The second Eddystone Lighthouse was built of wood, was 25 feet high, and displayed a light from 1705 to 1755, when it was burnt down.

The 13 railway companies of England and Wales employ between them 312,000 men. The Scotch and Irish companies 40,000 men between them.

An ordinary lead for cutting at a weight 7½ lb. and has at the bottom of it a hole filled with tallow to bring up samples of the ore-bottom.

The toll for passing the Suez Canal is 7s. 2d. a ton, with 2s. a head for passengers, so that a 4,000-ton steamship with 200 passengers would pay £1,500.

The population of the Channel Islands is larger than that of any other part of the United Kingdom in the past 50 years. It was 30,739 in 1851, 32,234 in 1881.

The wages of British colliers have averaged about 4s. a day for 25 years past, but the product per man has risen from 250 to 320 tons a year per man in the same time.

The average price paid for the German soldiers used by England in 1780 in the United States was 217s. Men from Hesse cost £118 only; those from Anspach, £275.

In the British home trade 7,000 sailing-vessels and 2,800 steamers are engaged; but in the foreign trade the proportion is reversed—there are only 1,700 sailing-ships to nearly 4,000 steamers.

Mr. F. M. Robertson of Chichester, N.W., writes that he has a Plymouth Rock's egg weighing a quarter of a pound, which he thinks is the largest on record.

Important amber finds have been made at Nordgrunde, near Altenbruch, in Germany. The amber was discovered in the crab-catchers' nets, and is said to be of very good quality.

The Technical Instruction Committee of Suffolk County Council is offering scholarships to young farmers or farmers' sons to enable them to study at Cambridge University Department of Agriculture for six weeks.

Two wandering martlets having intermarried in Greenland, an ordinary wild dove in Queen's Park, several packs of ferocious animals are now roaming about parts of Northern Queensland.

Count Leo Tolstoy is at present engaged on a new work, the purpose of which is to draw attention to certain passages in the Old Testament which are at variance with modern ideas of morality.

The chief imports into the United Kingdom stand thus in order of value: First, raw cotton, 27½ millions; wheat, 23½ millions; sugar, 19 millions; butter, 17 millions; silk, 10 millions; and Indian corn, 15 millions.

In response to a correspondent who asked whether a brood of nine cypriotes is uncommon, a Pigeon correspondent instances a brood of 10 at Hambledon last season ago, and another correspondent a brood of eight, out of 10 eggs, last year.

SABBATHARIANISM AT WEYMOUTH. At the Weymouth Borough Sessions on Thursday, four boys, at the instance of the town council, were charged under the ancient Act of Charles II. with the heinous offence of "exposing" for sale certain goods to wit, newspapers—in Trinity Street on Sunday last.

The daring young couple were successfully defended, on promising that in future they would not "expose their wares," but simply deliver them to persons who desired to purchase them, and thus he kept the justice who tried the trembling couple from the streets.

Mr. Robinson, another magistrate, however, contended that the prosecution were not actuated by a narrow view of the Sabbath in putting the old Act into force; so far as he understood, the newspapers wished to stop the crying of the newspapers in the streets.

That being so, an intimation to the newspapers who employ the boys might have been sufficient, without dragging an almost forgotten Act of Parliament from the dusty archives of the past. Anyhow, we are glad to see a magistrate on the Bench taking a wide and unprejudiced view of a law that should be interpreted with something approaching to charity and common sense.

PEOPLE'S HEROES—CLIVE

A PLUCKY CONSTABLE. We have given a portrait of P.O. Arthur David Stewart, 107 E. who is entitled to a place in the list of "People's Heroes." Poor King, a blind youth, also partially deaf and epileptic, the son of poor parents living in a small cottage in High Rd., Willemsen, was left alone last Saturday, and shortly after the house was discovered to be on fire. P.O. Stewart reached the scene within a few minutes.

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ARMY PROMOTION.

THE STORY OF SERGEANT-MAJOR COBBETT. Sir—Your "Cigarette Papers" in "The People" I read with pleasure, and often with profit; and as a rule I do not find misleading or inaccurate statements. But in your last week's article you make some statements, and arrive at certain conclusions, which, to say the least, are inaccurate; and as an old artillery officer perhaps you will pardon me in endeavouring to put you right.

(1.) I cannot believe the statement that Cobbett became sergeant-major of his regiment with less than a year's service, any more than I could believe that a subaltern with the like service ever, in the regular army, commanded a company. It was, as it is now impossible. The sergeant-major is the highest non-commissioned officer of his regiment—a post requiring a great deal of experience and knowledge of the interior economy of a regiment, which no man could possibly acquire in so short a time.

I imagine the statement may be a misprint. Perhaps in a year Cobbett became a sergeant in his company, which is highly creditable, but by no means an impossible feat. You say he passed over 50 men; but if he attained the position of sergeant-major he would have had to pass over any number up to 1,000.

(2.) The officers whom Cobbett mentions as having in his day risen from the ranks gained the command of regiments were held by officers who had risen from the ranks. The extra pay subalterns enabled a man without means more successfully to meet his expenses. As to quartermasters in Cobbett's day, and even at the present time, they are chosen from the non-commissioned officers.

(3.) Certainly there is more chance of an officer being promoted to rise from the ranks. Where there was one commission officer to the ranks in Cobbett's day there are now at least twenty. With good character, and the necessary amount of education, there is nothing new that can stop a man obtaining a commission from the ranks. His only difficulty is in the money; and as no man can rise from the ranks without a year for life. In all professions, except the military, there are scholarships to help the needy in their pursuit of fame and distinction. Why is the noblest profession of all left out in the cold? The truth is that the Army is the only one in which a man can rise from the ranks. Whether it is for the country's good is a very debatable point. I am inclined to think that we had better leave well alone. With apologies, yours faithfully, A. BARNSWELL.

Wantage, May 27, 1901.

To the Editor of "Cigarette Papers." P.S.—The Colonel Picton killed at Waterloo.

[Among the various schemes for the professional advancement of the private soldier I have not come upon a more practical suggestion than that which is contained in the last paragraph of the above letter. I commend it heartily to Army reformers and to all true friends of the soldier.

The spirit of my courteous and experienced military correspondent is so much in keeping with all I have written upon the most important subject of the time, that I can only take exception to his doubt as to the rapid promotion of William Cobbett. Cobbett's career is a well-known fact, and is not open to question.

There is some inclination to dispose of coal shares on the Miners' Conference, but holders need scarcely hurry to realise until the proposed legislation takes a more definite shape. There is an excellent demand for Johnstone's Foreign Patents, on the assumption, which is well founded, of a good dividend will shortly be declared. Super A shares are also in demand, particularly "London."

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"IN THE SWIM." BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday, 2 p.m. In Lombard's the demand for money has been fairly heavy, but the requirements of the settlement have been met below those of a fortnight ago. Money for the account has been borrowed at 4 to 4½ per cent., and day to day loans have been usually obtainable from 3½ to 3 per cent. The Bank Directors have not made any change in the official discount rate, and, unless there are unexpected developments, no alteration is likely for some considerable time to come. The market is to all intents and purposes out of debt to the Bank, fresh borrowings being on a comparatively moderate scale. Discount business is falling, and rates are as anything rather under.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. The features of the past week in this section have been the marked strength displayed by Argentine and Brazilian bonds, and among the latter, Western Union bonds, to which I directed particular attention some months ago—have been notably strong, and I have no reason to believe that the advance in this stock is in any way over yet. All the Argentine issues have shown considerable strength, and are well worth watching. Among the best of these are the Argentine 5 per cent. bonds, which are now at 100, and the Argentine 4 per cent. bonds, which are now at 98.

Spanish Four per cent. bonds are also better on a comparison of the selling in Paris. Among the Big Power issues, German Threos are better and Russian Fours steady.

HOME RAILS. Home Railways are still a rather dull market, although the latest traffic—mixed as usual by most critics—have tempted a few folk to take a speculative interest in some of the shares. The settlement, or rather what everybody believes to be the settlement, of the North-Western dispute, has helped the market not a little, although the market has not been much affected in this market. The Electric Railway issue have been rather unsettled, as it is feared that all the lines will have to experience heavy additions to the rolling stock accounts in the not far distant future. Hall and Barsley are a shade off, but these shares seem to be strong and well maintained in this market. The Scotch loan is still being watched for, but in the opinion of those best able to judge, we shall see it all right before the summer is over. The District shareholders meet next week to decide upon the new issue in connection with the Electric Traction Co. There is to be half a million of Ordinary stock and £100,000 of 6 per cent. preference. It is said that District will in the near future have a sharp advance in price.

AMERICAN RAILS. The account which has just ended was a phenomenally dull one in American RAILS, but under the circumstances this was not to be wondered at. The fears of further trouble at this settlement have, however, proved to be groundless, and already signs are not wanting in Wall Street that dealings are spreading beyond the professional limits to which they have been recently confined. Southern Pacific have been a feature on both sides of the Atlantic, and although it would be dangerous to predict the extent of the possible rise in these shares, experts are of opinion that there is room for considerable improvement in the current quotation. In fact, the market has been well bought, and are talked to par, while a further advance in Baltimore and Ohio shares is bound to take place. U.S. Steel shares are better after the reaction, and recent top prices should again be speedily reached by these issues.

INDUSTRIALS. There is an idle and unattractive market at present. Dealings are for the most part confined to small lots of shares, and the market is not very active. The Lipton meeting was a success, but the chairman said little to convince the more hardened critics that their remarks were uncalled for or untimely. The shares to-day are a trifle lower. Vickers-Maxim have been inquired for on rumours of fresh developments in connection with the United States. There is some inclination to dispose of coal shares on the Miners' Conference, but holders need scarcely hurry to realise until the proposed legislation takes a more definite shape. There is an excellent demand for Johnstone's Foreign Patents, on the assumption, which is well founded, of a good dividend will shortly be declared. Super A shares are also in demand, particularly "London."

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two in the Emmanuel boat in
Hastings. Fine weather prevailed

The crews were busily engaged in the morning with Grilla at stroke. The crew with Messrs. M. Willis, J. W. B. Close in attendance. They were looked after by Mr. W. L. Rayne. Trinity Hall were out in the morning by Mr. Brisbane. They afterwards went to Hunstanton for a change of air. They were coached by Mr. W. L. Rayne by Mr. T. J. O. Duncanson, Mr. W. B. Blake, Wm. Christie, Mr. Murray, the Jones crew by Mr. Cairns by Mr. Roberts. Peterborough by Mr. Turnbull, and King's by Mr. L. The second division crews are going to the average, and all of them were

work over the course.

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won a senior shift race).—W. and A. P. Trengrouse, Mrs. She

C. Frecher and F. J. French (cox); 2. A. R. Davis and H. A. L. Denning (cox); 3. *Marginal* ground all the way, and won by length.

St. George's H.C.—The description of this club produced racing between the Hungerford and Faversham Bridge. Result of first Jarvis, F. & Del (stroke), F. start, 1. W. J. M. Nunn, (stroke), J. E. Collingbourne (cox), W. E. Burton, E. Smith (stroke), 2. J. T. W. W. after a cap length; good third.

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SWIMMING

Oxford University v. Otter teams met at the Vernon-st. pool to contest a Byda. race. The team race, and water polo matches, first-named events resulted in a draw, each by about three yards. The Lincoln College, water polo style. The team race, however, the Otters by three lengths of the bath. The water polo was evenly contested, also won the visitors. Wallace scored for first half, which proved to be scored throughout the game.

SAILING.
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Over the six-mile course at handicap match was set for by Mr. C. T. Richards. Four bachelors, namely, Messrs. Marden and Mr. A. B. Cope's *Fleur de Lys*, *Ham's Louis*, and Messrs. Alvan Lottery, Dora led throughout, boys in the last round, and w Lottery went well, and came not far enough ahead of Lois, time allowance on the hands awarded the prize.

Club at Wimbledon, the two
championship meeting was

conclusion, with the following:
Ladies' and Gentlemen's (1)
Championship—Final round:
and Miss Cowie (holders) beat
and Mrs. Brigstocke by 11 and
Handicap Singles—Final:
Willis, over 2, beat Sir
Hughes, twice 6, by 2.
During the week, R. N. B.
Open Championship, and Miss
the Ladies' Open Championship.
Miss Flower's third successive
championships.

won the holdership of the Cup, with nine kills. The

to \$35, there being a bid of that tried conclusions of the New. Mr. Greville Ross (28) shared \$200 in the Handicap, with eleven kills in sports being added. The \$200 at 30 yards, for a \$15 cup. Harold Barker winning the four kills, and sharing in the with Mr. Holt and Mr. Walter a miss each.

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